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H. RES. _____

Requesting information on Azerbaijan's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCHIFF submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON AZER-**
3 **BAIJAN'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The House of Rep-
5 resentatives requests that the Secretary of State, not later
6 than 30 days after the date of the adoption of this resolu-
7 tion, transmit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign

1 Relations of the Senate, pursuant to section 502B(e) of
2 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)),
3 a statement, prepared in collaboration with the Assistant
4 Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and
5 Labor and the Office of the Legal Adviser, regarding Azer-
6 baijan's human rights practices.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted under
8 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

9 (1) All available information about the observ-
10 ance and respect for human rights and fundamental
11 freedoms in Azerbaijan, including information con-
12 cerning alleged violations of internationally recog-
13 nized human rights by the Government of Azer-
14 baijan, including—

15 (A) unlawful or arbitrary killings;

16 (B) torture;

17 (C) cruel, inhuman, or degrading treat-
18 ment or punishment of detainees;

19 (D) political prisoners;

20 (E) arbitrary arrest or detention;

21 (F) restrictions on freedom of assembly,
22 association, and movement;

23 (G) pervasive problems with the independ-
24 ence of the judiciary;

25 (H) forced disappearances;

1 (I) serious restrictions on freedom of
2 speech, expression, and the media;

3 (J) severe restrictions on political partici-
4 pation;

5 (K) discrimination against women and gen-
6 der-based violence;

7 (L) restrictions on religious freedom;

8 (M) serious restrictions on internet free-
9 dom; and

10 (N) existence of the worst forms of child
11 labor.

12 (2) A description of the steps that the United
13 States Government has taken—

14 (A) to promote respect for and observance
15 of human rights in Azerbaijan and by the Gov-
16 ernment of Azerbaijan, including in the context
17 of the conflict with Armenia and Artsakh
18 (Nagorno-Karabakh);

19 (B) to discourage any practices in Azer-
20 baidjan that are inimical to internationally recog-
21 nized human rights; and

22 (C) to publicly or privately call attention
23 to, and disassociate the United States and any
24 security assistance provided for the Government

1 of Azerbaijan from, any practices described in
2 subparagraph (B).

3 (3) An assessment from the Secretary of State,
4 notwithstanding any practices described in para-
5 graph (2)(B), whether extraordinary circumstances
6 exist that necessitate a continuation of security as-
7 sistance for Azerbaijan.

8 (4) If such circumstances exist, a description of
9 the circumstances and the extent to which security
10 assistance should be continued (subject to such con-
11 ditions as Congress may impose under section 502B
12 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
13 2304)).

14 (5) Other information, including—

15 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
16 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
17 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
18 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
19 2304(d))) will be used in support of Azerbaijani
20 activities related to the conflict with Armenia,
21 aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh
22 (Artsakh), and the blockade of the Lachin Cor-
23 ridor;

24 (B) a description and assessment of the
25 actions that the United States Government is

1 taking to ensure end use monitoring protocols
2 for all weapons sold or transferred to Azer-
3 baijan;

4 (C) an assessment of the impact of United
5 States assistance provided to Azerbaijan over
6 the past 10 years on the balance of power be-
7 tween Azerbaijan and Armenia, and on efforts
8 to negotiate a durable and lasting peace settle-
9 ment between Armenia and Azerbaijan;

10 (D) a description of the United States
11 Government's efforts to implement the Leahy
12 Law in Azerbaijan and ensure that no units im-
13 plicated in gross violations of human rights re-
14 ceive United States assistance, including infor-
15 mation on units that have been rejected in the
16 Leahy vetting process;

17 (E) an assessment from the Secretary of
18 State of whether ethnic cleansing or genocidal
19 acts are taking place in Nagorno-Karabakh;
20 and

21 (F) a description of any actions that the
22 United States Government is taking to imple-
23 ment sanctions, including sanctions under the
24 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability
25 Act and section 7031(c) of the Department of

1 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-
2 grams Appropriations Act, to hold accountable
3 Azerbaijani officials responsible for gross viola-
4 tions of human rights or significant corruption.